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SUBJECT: NEW NIGERIAN RESTRICTIONS ON BERTHING IN
LAGOS PORT

REF: LAGOS 1148

1. DELTA LINE VICE PRESIDENT HUNTER HAS INFORMED
AMBASSADOR EASUM OF UNEXPECTED NEW NPA ACTION FURTHER
REDUCING AMERICAN WEST AFRICA CONFERENCE SHIPS ACCESS
TO PRIORITY BERTH 9 IN LAGOS. MOVE REPORTEDLY AUTHORIZES
NON-CONFERENCE VESSELS TO USE BERTH MAJORITY OF TIME AND
CONTRADICTS PREVIOUS NPA ASSURANCES THAT US VESSELS
WOULD SOON HAVE FULL USE OF BERTH. THOUGH THIS ARRANGE-
MENT ALLEGEDLY TEMPORARY, IT SERIOUSLY THREATENS FUTURE
US TRAFFIC. PAST SIX MONTHS CHARACTERIZED BY SUCCESSION
OF "TEMPORARY" RESTRICTIONS WHICH HAVE PLAYED HAVOC WITH
AMERICAN CONFERENCE SCHEDULING. ONE SHIP WHICH SHOULD
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HAVE HAD IMMEDIATE BERTHING STILL WAITING TO DOCK SINCE
FEBRUARY 4.

2. IN RESPONSE TO GRAVITY OF SITUATION, HIGH LEVEL TEAM
OF CONFERENCE LINES EXECUTIVES BEING FORMED TO PROCEED
ASAP TO LAGOS TO PRESENT CASE TO NPA AND OTHER FMG
OFFICIALS.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONFER WITH FARRELL LINES REP
KRISTBERGS TO LEARN FACTS AND PREPARE FULLY SUPPORT
TEAM DURING STAY IN NIGERIA. AMBASSADOR SPECIFICALLY
REQUESTS THAT CHARGE INFORM MEA OF OFFICIAL US CONCERN
OVER NPA ACTION AND THAT HARNISH ACCOMPANY TEAM ON CALLS
ON FMG. IN CONTACTS WITH LATTER, EMBASSY SHOULD POINT
OUT THAT RESTRICTIVE MEASURES IMPEDING AMERICAN LINES
UTILIZATION OF BERTH DESIGNED FOR THEIR EXCLUSIVE USE
RUNS COUNTER TO ACHIEVEMENT BETTER NIGERIAN-US
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION.

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